

ABSTRACT**APPARATUS FOR GRIPPING CABLES**

An apparatus for gripping cables is disclosed. The apparatus for gripping a cable includes an elongated housing for slidably receiving the cable axially thereof. The housing is configured to permit an end of the cable to leave the housing and be received back by the housing such that the cable forms a loop. The apparatus for gripping cables also includes means for securing at least a part of the cable received back by the housing.